



**COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH CENTER FOR AMERICAN INDIAN HEALTH STRATEGIC PLAN
2012-2017**

MISSION The Collaborative Research Center for American Indian Health (CRCAIH) is designed to create a platform to bring together Tribal communities and health researchers from multiple disciplines, to work together in conducting cutting-edge transdisciplinary research that addresses significant health disparities experienced by American Indians in South Dakota, North Dakota, and Minnesota.

VISION CRCAIH promotes collaborative research partnerships with tribal communities, research institutions, and health care entities through capacity building to conduct innovative research that improves American Indian health.

CORE VALUES **Transdisciplinary:** Create partnerships with Tribal communities, researchers, health care entities previously working in isolation to improve the human condition and raise awareness for health disparities.

Sustainability: Build a foundation for infrastructure with Tribal communities to sustain research and advance policy in the region to improve health.

Tribal Sovereignty: Work with Tribal partners to develop research agendas and research infrastructure to address their unique health priorities and overall vision of the tribe.

**KEY PILLARS
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STRATEGIES** **Collaboration and Partnership:** Create a collaborative infrastructure for the active discussion, planning, and implementation of transdisciplinary research projects by Tribal communities and health researchers that are designed to address health disparities for American Indians in the region.

Build research capacity and infrastructure: Facilitate the development of Tribal communities in all aspects of the research process, including the provision of training, education, and technical assistance to build capacity for Tribes to develop, conduct, and fully participate in ongoing and future research projects.

Research Innovation: Support three novel and innovative transdisciplinary research projects that address significant areas of health disparities in American Indian populations of the Northern Plains. Conduct a pilot grant program that funds research studies aligned with CRCAIH goals and that have a high probability of leading to meaningful results and sustainability.

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